

TEKULSKY DIDN'T TELL

HE GAVE EVASIVE ANSWER

MITTEE ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

HIS RELATIONS WITH RICHARD CROKER.—O

ELECTION—CAPTAIN DEVERY AGAIN
—DE LANCEY NICOLL AS
COURT JESTER.

Morris Tekulsky, president of the State Liquor Dealers' Association, was an interesting witness before the Senate Police Investigating Committee yesterday. It is true that W. A. Sutherland, counsel for the committee, was unable to get much positive evidence out of Mr. Tekulsky. A more unsatisfactory witness has not appeared before the committee. He gave every one the impression that he was keeping something back. He intimated that the proper question was not put to him to elicit the information which the committee wanted, but squirmed out of Mr. Sutherland's grasp when it came to telling just what the right question was.

Mr. Sutherland evidently had been told that

Tekulsky had talked to various persons about the promise, which Tekulsky apparently attributed to Richard Croker, that the police should receive orders from the Tammany Hall leaders about arrests for violation of the Excise law. The witness denied having said anything of the kind, but his answers were often halting and evasive to a annoying degree. Senator Bradley has through

out the session asked questions tending to a
the side of the police, but when Tekulsky be
finished testifying the Senator leaned over a
asked him significantly:

"You are a very intelligent man, are you not
The witness assented to this, and the Senat
went on:

"Do you know the meaning of the term men
reservation?" Tekulsky answered yes again.

TEKULSKY AND CROKER.

Of course, Tekulsky has been one of Tammany's most efficient slaves and tools. He admitted that he was nominated a delegate to the Constitutional Convention by asking Mr. Croker. The committee may call on Tekulsky again. If it does it will probably learn a great deal more than it did yesterday.

As usual, Police Captain Devery cropped in the proceedings. It is an off day in the hearings when some testimony is not given as

orders issued by him on last Election Day which should aid the cause of Maynard and Tammany Hall. One witness heard him instruct his men to stand "silk stockings" on their heads if they said anything at the polling-places. These "silk stockings" were watchers sent to the Third Assembly District by the Bar Association and the Republican Club. Apparently all the policemen in that assembly District had orders not to allow Bartlett watchers behind the rail, although it

Yesterday a particularly interesting story about the indicted police captain was told. A Republican watcher caused the arrest of an illegal voter. The three went to the address given by the voter but he was not known there. At the station house, as soon as Captain Devery heard of the watcher's mission, he caused his arrest on charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In the police court Justice Ryan heard no words of testimony, but fined the watcher at once.

An incident showing that the police were acting against Walter W. Bahan when he ran for Assembly as an independent Democratic candidate was brought out. A shoe dealer who had signed Mr. Bahan's certificate of nomination was urged by several persons, including a liquor seller to withdraw his name. He refused to do so. Two minutes after the last caller had gone, a policeman came up and ordered the shopkeeper to pull

Dr. Landoll, who holds a commission made out by himself as a member to the committee, did not wear the motley with his face grace. His humor was not always spontaneous. It did not bubble forth as on former days. Perhaps Mr. Nicoll was under a disadvantage. Every one in the courtroom knew his tactics. Every one knew that his scheme was to ridicule the committee and to turn its work into a joke. His little game had been laid bare, and its effectiveness was therefore nearly gone. It is hard to be funny when every one is aware that you

Still, Mr. Nicol, for a man who has won reputation as a serious-minded politician and lawyer has played the rôle of low comedian pretty well in the investigation. He may, however, be doing himself irreparable injury by thus winning fame as a humorist. **Precator KNOTT, of Kentucky,**

tell him what a blight it is on a public man
career to become known as a maker of comic
dresses. It is understood that Mr. Knot-
gards his famous speech on Duluth, which
the whole country to laughing, as the most
fortunate incident of his life.

William A. Sutherland, counsel for the com-
mittee, was asked how long the investiga-
tion of police interference in elections would continue.
"That is for the committee to say," was
reply. "I have enough testimony to keep it
all summer."

Mr. Nicoll said that he had not yet spoken

to the committee about being allowed to introduce testimony in behalf of the police. He had considered the subject, but did not know how much work the committee had already laid out for itself.

THE TESTIMONY AS GIVEN

WITNESSES AGAINST THE POLICE TESTIFY THAT THEY KNOW

MORE INSTANCES OF INTERFERENCE WITH
HONEST ELECTIONS—UNCALLED-FOR ARREST
OF A REPUBLICAN WATCHER—OPEN
VIOLATORS OF THE LAW.

The committee appointed 10 o'clock as the hour for meeting yesterday morning when it adjourned on Saturday. At that hour Senator Bradley sat in the extreme chair in the General Term room of

Court of Common Pleas reading a morning paper and looking over his spectacles once in a while crack a joke or tell a story to a group of reporters at the tables near by. The sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, three or four witnesses and one or two court officers were the only other persons present. Outside the door a crowd had gathered, but they were not allowed inside the room until the witnesses had arrived and secured seats.

"Mr. Sergeant," said Senator Bradley, "you had better make out some subpoenas for the other witnesses."

members of the committee. If the chairman does not come by quarter-past 10 o'clock, I shall send a messenger after him and have him arraigned before me."

Senator Lexow arrived in time to prevent being served with a summons, and Senator Roberts reached the courtroom a few minutes afterward. Soon as these three Senators arrived, Mr. Lexow stepped forward, and the committee began to take testimony.

POLICE CAPTAIN DEVERY AGAIN.

Mr. Sutherland called as the first witness Mr. Phillips, a laborer, who lives at No. 35 Bowdoin Street. He was a Republican watcher in the Second Election District of the 11th Assembly District at the last general election. At that time he lived at 121 1/2 Bayard-st.

Q. (By Mr. Sutherland)—Were you about the polling-place all day? A.—Nearly all day.

Q.—Were there any policemen present? A.—Yes, two.

Q.—Do you know their names or numbers?

Q.—Did you challenge any votes? A.—Yes.
Q.—Did you request the police to make any
rests? A.—Yes. About 9 o'clock in the morning
challenged a man who gave the name of John J